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SUBJECT: THREE JORDANIANS CHARGED WITH SECURITY OFFENSES,
INCLUDING ALLEGED PLOT TO ASSASSINATE POTUS

REF: A. OSC REPORT "TRIAL OF 3 PERSONS ACCUSED OF

PLANNING TO ASSASSINATE PRESIDENT BUSH"

[1](#)B. TD-314/91008-06

Classified By: CDA DANIEL RUBINSTEIN FOR REASONS 1.4 (B) and (D)

[1](#)1. (SBU) Arab media reported that during an open session of Jordan's state security court March 7, a prosecutor announced that three men charged with possessing illegal weapons and attempting to set fire to a liquor store had also discussed among themselves the idea of assassinating the President during his visit to Jordan in late November, as well as attacking American and Danish embassies in Amman. (Note: Denmark has an honorary consul, but no Embassy, in Jordan). A Jordanian journalist who attended the hearing told post that the three live in Zarqa, north of Amman. During the proceedings, there was no mention of the three having been in Amman during the President's visit.

[1](#)2. (C) This case may relate to the information reported ref [1](#)B. Post is inquiring with GOJ security contacts for additional background.
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